

The committee on pensions and revolutionary claims, to whom was referred an order of this house to inquire into the propriety of placing Elizabeth Dawkins on the pension list, have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report—That it is the opinion of this committee that she is not entitled to a pension; therefore recommend that she have leave to withdraw her petition.

By order,

Geo. A. Farquhar, Clk.

The said reports being twice read, were severally concurred in by the house.

Mr. Buskirk, submitted the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, the state of Maryland, as a stockholder to a large amount in the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, as well as the citizens of this state generally, (and more particularly those of the western sections of the state,) must view with a lively interest the progress of the canal towards its final completion; and it is considered that a strict and exclusive application of the funds of said company, to the construction of said canal, from the head of tide water to the western termination of the eastern section of the same, will not only tend to realize the expectations of the stockholders and the public, of the rapid advancement of the work, but is absolutely necessary to the accomplishment of the objects contemplated by the act incorporating said company: And whereas it has been represented to this general assembly, that a bill has been reported in the House of Representatives of the United States, by which it is proposed so to amend the charter of said company, as to give to the president and directors of said company the power of acquiring, by condemnation or otherwise, lands to an unlimited extent, along the borders of said canal, and to sell or let the same for manufacturing or other purposes, and to sell or let water rights in the discretion of the president and directors of said company, and to debar, by condemnation, the proprietors of lands through which the canal must pass, from crossing said canal.

And whereas by a memorial of the president and directors of said company to congress, it is assumed, that by the proper construction of the charter of said company, the eastern termination of said canal is fixed at the mouth of Rock creek, in the District of Columbia, a point about two miles below tide water, when in fact the charter of said company has specified no particular point as the eastern termination of the canal, nor is it considered proper that a question of so much magnitude, should be determined except by a general meeting of the stockholders, at which all the stock of said company shall be represented.

And whereas it is also represented to this general assembly, that the said Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company have, by their engineers, agents and servants, entered on, and taken possession of the lands, of certain individuals, bordering on the Po-